

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 11, 2006. After entry of this amendment, claims 11-14 will continue to be pending in the application. Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested in view of the remarks made below.

1. The Personal Interview

Examiner Ngo is thanked for the courtesies that were extended to the undersigned and to the inventor, Mr. Paul Heinicke, in the personal interview that was held in the Examiner's office in Alexandria on January 26, 2006. It is felt that the communication that took place during the interview was very helpful will be very helpful in advancing prosecution of this application.

2. The Prior Art Rejections

Original claims 11, 12, and 14 were rejected under §102(b) based on U.S. Patent 4,511,299 to Zysset ("Zysset"). Claim 13 was rejected under §103 based on the same reference.

In the interview, the undersigned and Mr. Heinicke pointed out that Zysset does not disclose the concave depression adjacent to the score line that was set forth in the claims. This structure gives the claimed invention important advantages over the prior art in terms of protecting consumers against cuts.

The Examiner considered the language in the original claims broad enough to read on the depression in the end panel that is outside of the double fold structure disclosed in the Zysset reference. She suggested that claim 11 could be made allowable over Zysset by amending it to specify that the depression was defined in the top surface of the double folds (i.e. in that portion of the end panel that is between the two double folds and that contains the score line).

Accordingly, Applicant has amended the claims in substance as suggested by the Examiner in the interview. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 11-14 as amended now

patentably define over the prior art of record, and respectfully solicits a Notice of Allowance indicating such.

3. Conclusion

Applicant has made an earnest effort to place this application in condition for allowance. If Examiner Ngo feels that any addition changes are necessary to the claims or specification, she is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned at his direct dial (215) 599-0602 or via Email at jknoble@patentwise.com. Again, the undersigned would like to thank Examiner Ngo for her time and patience during the personal interview on January 26, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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